Lobes ſix or ſeven pairs, placed oppoſite, diſtant from one another below, growing nearer each other to the top of the ſecond leaf, where they run together in the point of it; their figure is oval, and they are crenated round the edge with eight or ten diſtinct dents.

The dots of ſeed veſſels are placed on the under diſk of the lobes, two or three in a row on each ſide of the nerve, at firſt white, at laſt brown, and, when burſt, run together, and cover the diſk of the lobes, except the margin only.

VARIETIES.

I have ſeen a variety of this plant, growing in moiſt and very ſhady ſituations, as in the deep fiſſures of moiſt rocks where the ſun was excluded, or where it was over grown and ſhadowed with other plants, wherein the leaves were more tall and ſlender than the above deſcribed; the rib of a pale green, the ſecond leaves more remote, the lobes narrower, and the whole plant more light, tranſparent, and delicate; this is undoubtedly the Polipodium Rheticum of Linnæus, *ſee Flo. Scot.* 679, *and my Fig. Tab.* 2. *Fig.* 6.

Brittle Polipody grows from the fiſſures of rocks about Ingleton and Settle, in Yorkſhire; about Caſtleton and other places in the high Peak, Derbyſhire; on Snowdon in Caernarvonſhire, North Wales, abundantly.